GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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MATCH FIXING AND BETTING IN SPORTS/GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the match fixing and betting in sports/games including Cricket and Tennis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in respect of match fixing and betting ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such malpractices in sports/ games ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (d) : Government had, in 2000, received allegations of match fixing in Cricket. An enquiry into allegations of match fixing and related malpractices in Cricket prevalent at that point of time was entrusted to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Based on the CBI report, the BCCI enforced ban on four indicted players. Two of these players challenged in the Court the ban and the matter is still sub-judice.

(e) `Sports` being a state subject, only the State Governments can consider enacting a legislation to check such malpractices in sports.